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THIS CHAPTER
READS LEFT TO RIGHT!

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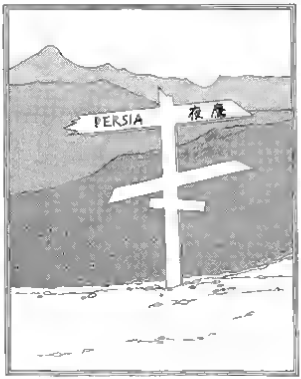
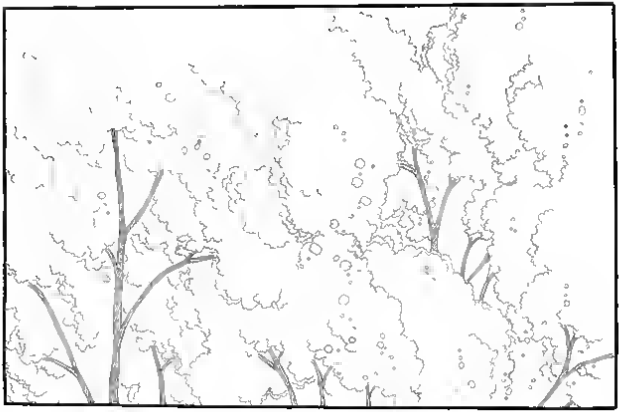
FAR OFF IN THE DISTANCE, ALONG THE CHLIO RAILWAY, THE ZAGROS MOUNTAINS, PERSEPOLIS, CARAVANSERAI, MASJED-E SHAH





It was different from Tokio's knee. I slept there all the way from 1 to 2 o clock.

Recently I napped on Mother's knee.

Mother's allergy also is getting better with time.

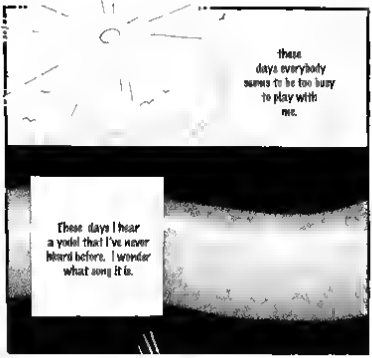
These are the current circumstances. The blossoms have all scattered.

Miss Braid's name is Mitsuko-san

Every morning Tokio meets with Miss Braide at a park near the train station before riding on the same train and going to their separate schools.

I stay with Tokio until the park.

Then when the two of them get on the train and go back home.


these days everybody seems to be too busy to play with me.
These days I hear a yodel that I've never heard before. I wonder what song it is.

YODELEHEHON
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LEHEELEHEE
LEHEELEHEE
LEHEE
LEHEE
LEHEE
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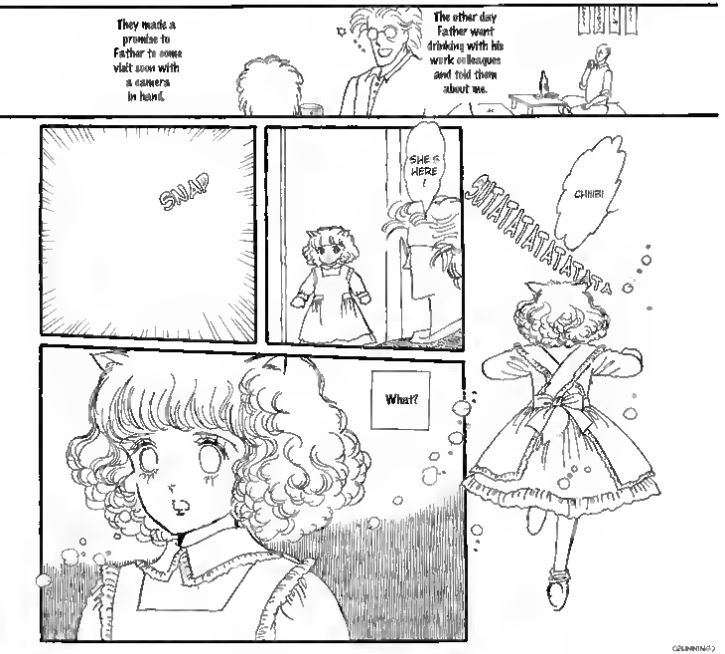
LEHEELEHEELEHEE
LEHEELEHEELEHEE
LEHEE
LEHEE
LEHEE
LEHEE
(MORE "YODELLING")


They made a promise to Father to come visit soon with a camera in hand.
The other day Father went drinking with his work colleagues and told them about me.
SNAP
SHE'S HERE!
CHIIIII
SUTATATATATATATATA
What?

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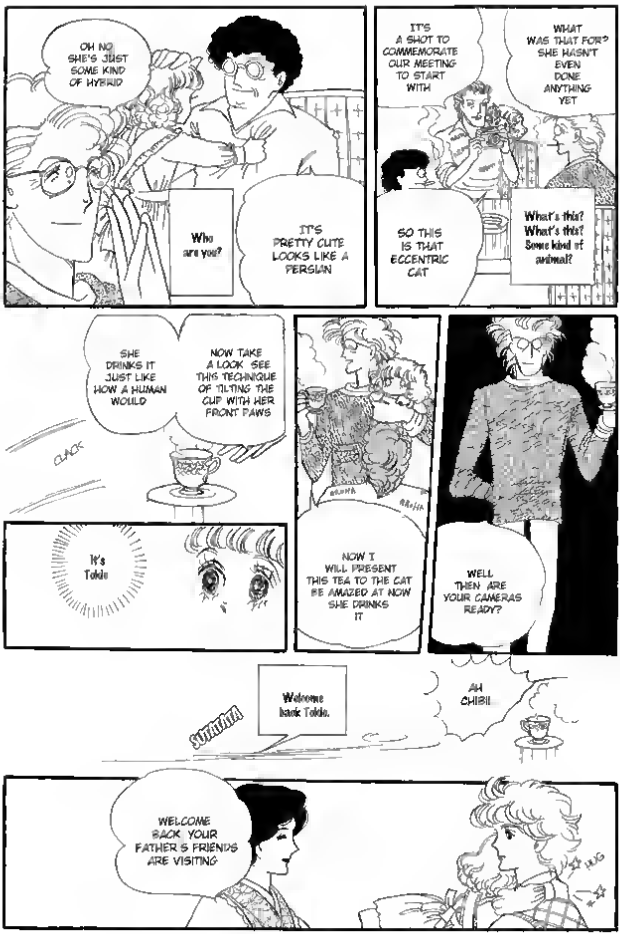
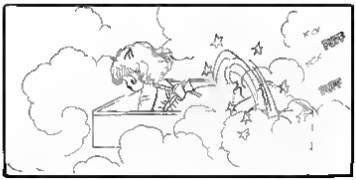

OH NO, SHE'S JUST SOME KIND OF HYBRID
Who are you?
IT'S PRETTY CUTE LOOKS LIKE A PERSIAN
IT'S A SHOT TO COMMEMORATE OUR MEETING TO START WITH
WHAT WAS THAT FOR? SHE HASN'T EVEN DONE ANYTHING YET
SO THIS IS THAT ECCENTRIC CAT
What's this? What's this? Some kind of animal?
SHE DRINKS IT JUST LIKE HOW A HUMAN WOULD
NOW TAKE A LOOK SEE THIS TECHNIQUE OF TILTING THE CUP WITH HER FRONT PAWS
CLACK
It's Tokio
NOW I WILL PRESENT THIS TEA TO THE CAT BE AMAZED AT HOW SHE DRINKS IT
WELL THEN ARE YOUR CAMERAS READY?
SUDDENLY!!
Welcome back Tokio.
AH CHIBI!
WELCOME BACK YOUR FATHER'S FRIENDS ARE VISITING

THE CAT STICKS RIGHT TO HIM AND WON'T LEAVE HIS SIDE
IF KINTOKI'S BACK THERE'S NO USE STAYING IN THIS ROOM
I SEE
YOU'RE FILMING A DOCUMENTARY ON CHIEI?
LET'S TAKE TURNS DOING ONE-HOUR STANDBYS IN KINTOKI'S ROOM
HEY, KINTOKI
WELCOME
KINTOKI
HOW IT WASHES ITS FACE WITH WATER WE'D LIKE TO HAVE YOUR COOPERATION IN ALL THIS KINTOKI-KUN.
HOW IT USES A FLUSHABLE TOILET
EXACTLY WE'LL BE STAYING OVER UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING TO FILM THE CAT'S HUMAN-LIKE EATING HABITS.
LET'S HAVE YOU START OFF WITH READING A BOOK
WELL NOW THEN
AND THE CAT SLEEPING WITH KINTOKI
THE CAT SINGING WITH KINTOKI
THE CAT READING A BOOK WITH KINTOKI.
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO FILM ANY OF THOSE WITHOUT YOUR COOPERATION

BUT THEY'LL GET BACK INTO THE HABIT IF YOU KEEP CALLING ME THAT. YOU HEARD EARLIER IT'S NOT?
I'VE FINALLY GOTTEN MY PARENTS TO FIX IT AFTER ASKING THEM SO MANY TIMES!!
RIGHT. BUT KINTOKI, IT'S NOT ABOUT YOUR AGE
I'M ALREADY OVER EIGHTEEN.
BUT WOULD YOU STOP CALLING ME BY THAT CHILDHOOD NAME?
I DON'T MIND
HA. THEN WHAT IS IT ABOUT?
YOUR MIND AND BODY
YOUR MIND AND BODY SAYS IT ALL
BASICALLY IN OUR EYES, YOU'RE STILL A CHILD
I BET YOU HAVEN'T EVEN KISSED YET
OKAY. LET'S DO IT. THIS ONCE YOU'VE EXPERIENCED EVERYTHING FROM KISSING AND BEYOND, COME TO MY PLACE TO REPORT IT AND THEN I'LL STOP USING YOUR CHILDHOOD NAME
CATS DON'T COUNT. NO CATS!
Tohko has kissed! With me!
MR. HARD-BOILED!

Now I'm really mad! I don't like this guest!!
AS FOR THE TOILET SHE WAS PLAYING AROUND KICKING UP DUST WITH THE BAND
EVEN THOUGH KINTOKI WAS READING A BOOK THE CAT JUST ROLLED OVER YAWNING
HEY WHAT HAPPENED TO THE STANDBY?
IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S A NORMAL CAT WITH NOTHING SPECIAL IN PARTICULAR.
JUST WHAT PART OF THAT IS HUMAN-LIKE?
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT!



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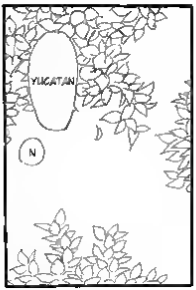
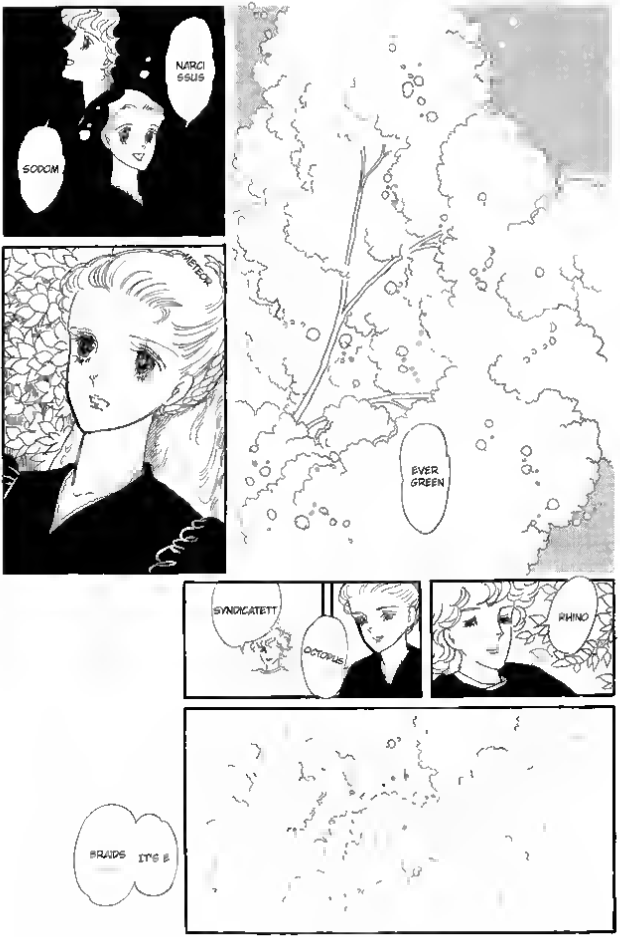


TLNOTE: THEY ARE PLAYING SHIRITORI, A WORD GAME IN WHICH YOU SAY A WORD STARTING WITH THE LAST LETTER OF THE WORD THE PERSON BEFORE YOU SAID. IN JAPAN, YOU LOSE WHEN YOU END A WORD WITH "NN" BECAUSE THERE'S NO WORD THAT STARTS WITH IT. I JUST SUBSTITUTED IT FOR "X" SINCE THERE AREN'T THAT MANY WORDS IN ENGLISH THAT START WITH IT. ORIGINAL SEQUENCE WAS: SORA, RAPUTUSU, SUKYATTO, TOTANN, TOTAN YANE, NEZUMI


NARCI SSUS
SODOM
METEOR
EVER GREEN
SYNDICATETT
OCTOPUS
RHINO
BRAIDS
IT'S B

She must have gotten tired after running around with Chibi
zzz
zzz
CHIBI!!
But it's finally Sunday let's wake her up. Wake her up. I want to play some more.
H HEY! CHIBI! SHE'S SLEEPING LEAVE HER BE AND GO PLAY QUIETLY
Huh, she won't move. Move, move.
Let her stay asleep a little longer
A little longer
WHOA SHE'S GONNA FALL OVER
SLIDE

Ah, he's gonna kiss her
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M SORRY!
NO UM... THAT
BLUSH
SO I THOUGHT BUT THEN REALI'S WOKE UP
HMM
MY THERE'S NO REASON TO APOLOGIZE FOR A MERE KISS. IT'S JUST PART OF DAILY LIFE FOR YOU TOO RIGHT?
Then, for some reason, she proudly said.
Hmm, why is he apologizing for a kiss? He doesn't apologize to me.
WHAT'S THE APOLOGY FOR?
AH
YUP IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME BUT...
RIGHT?
And here, Braids finally realizes what happened

IT'S JUST THAT WE FOUND OUT WE USE THE SAME TRAIN AFTER TALKING A BIT AND THAT'S WHY WE STARTED MEETING UP AT THIS PARK

IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING OUT WITH HIRAIDE AFTER SAYING "LET'S GO OUT" OR "I LIKE YOU"

WHEN I LAID MY EARS ON HIS CHEST HIS HEART SAID THIS

MAYBE EXCHANGING KISSES IS FAIRLY OCCURRENCE FOR THEM

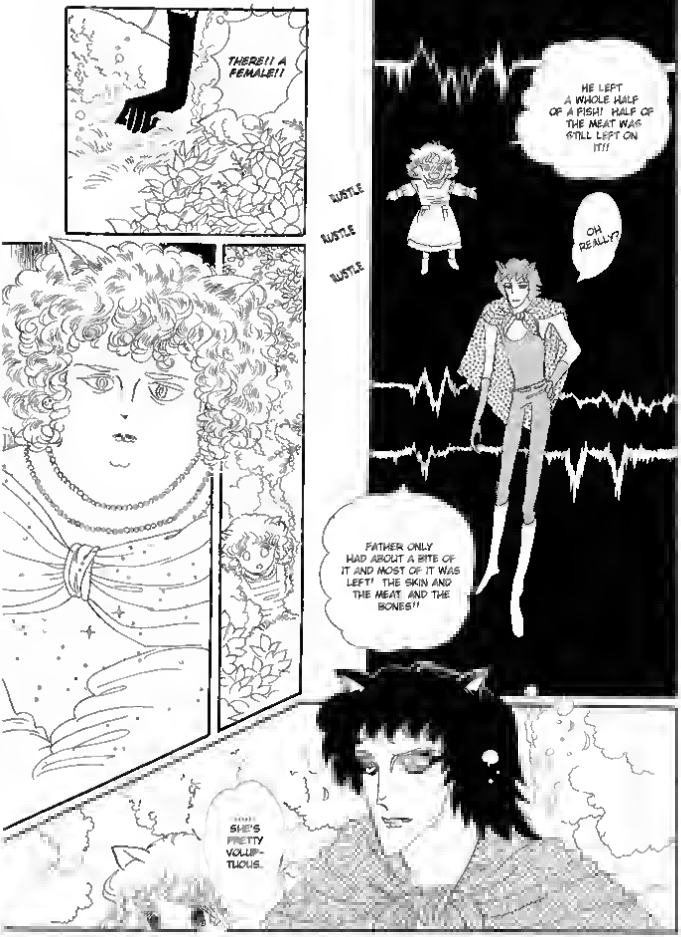
HIRAIDE MIGHT ALREADY HAVE A PROPER BOY-FRIEND

MAYBE HIRAIDE ONLY SEES ME AS A FRIEND

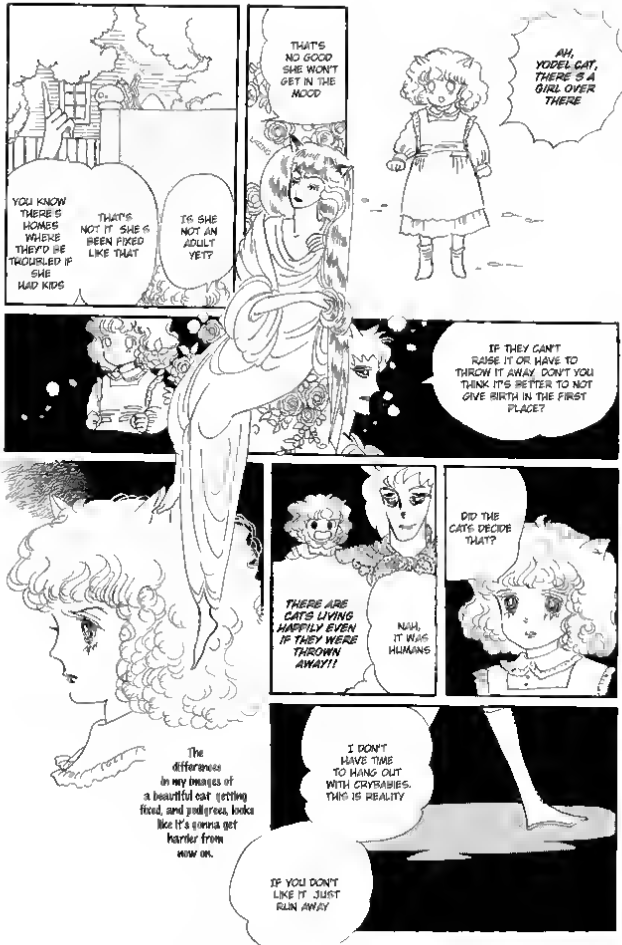
THANKS FOR THE MEAL.
Uur.
I ATE OUT ALREADY.
YOU'VE LEFT SO MUCH.
BOTH FATHER AND TOKIO,
YEAH. MY HEAD'S JUST FILLED WITH WORK.
OH MY
HERE, KITTY. THERE'S THIS MUCH FISH LEFT. I CAN ONLY ASK YOU TO FINISH IT UP.
THEN I WISH YOU COULD HAVE TOLD ME THAT EARLIER!!
I-I-I- really want to bring to someone.
Wait a second! It looks like there's enough for three days. Three whole days!!
Really?!
I'm gonna tell someone. I've gotta tell someone. Hey, hey! Hey hey from tomorrow on, I'm not gonna eat cat food, and have fish for three days instead!
Really, all of this?

Hey hey
Mr. Yodal Cat, guess what. I like cat food but I also really like fish. And so,
WHAT IT'S JUST A BRAT
NOT MUCH OF AN INTRODUCTION THERE WAS.
...You know Raphael?
OF COURSE I KNOW HIM HE'S A GOD LIKE EXISTENCE TO US WITH EVERY ADMIRABLE SUPERSTAR QUALITY
HMM?
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU RIGHT NOW, DON'T BOTHER M...
Today Tokio and Father didn't finish their fish and,
SORRY FOR MY RUDENESS LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE THE BRAT RAPHAEL WAS GUARDING SOME TIME BEFORE

I WONDER IF HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING
IT'S BEEN A FEW DAYS SINCE HE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED
WELL, IT'S RULE AMONG CATS TO NOT INTERFERE. IT'S ALSO A RULE TO TAKE CARE OF KIDS
AND SEEING AS HOW RAPHAEL WAS GUARDING YOU BEFORE I CAN'T JUST NEGLECT YOU
IT'S MATING SEASON NOW. AND I'M BUSY TRYING TO FIND A GIRL. OKAY, HOW'S THIS? I'LL LISTEN TO YOUR STORY WHILE WE WALK.
What's mating season?
IT'S THE SEASON OF LOVE. IT'S WHEN YOU BECOME AN ADULT
Was that when you become an adult in body and mind?
RIGHT SO WHAT'S YOUR STORY?
Today Tokio kissed Braids and then Braids woke up and...
OKAY AND THEN?
AH, IS THAT A SIGNAL?
CONTINUE YOUR STORY
Looking up
And then they had a misunderstanding, and he didn't finish dinner tonight, and the fish,
HMM, AND THEN?
AH, IT'S GETTING CLOSER.

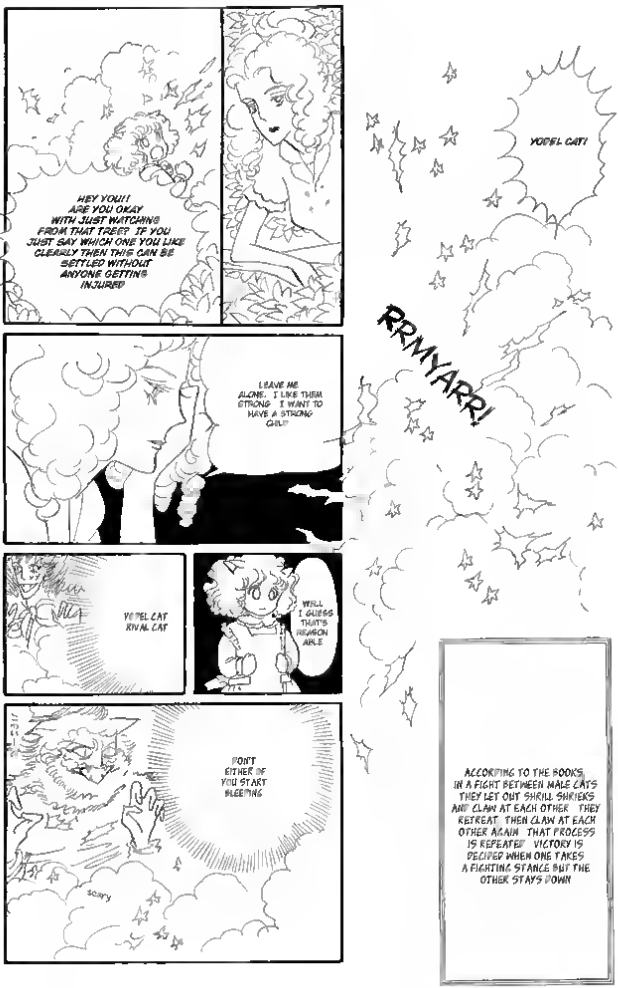

THERE!! A FEMALE!!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HE LEFT A WHOLE HALF OF A FISH! HALF OF THE MEAT WAS STILL LEFT ON IT!!
OH REALLY?
FATHER ONLY HAD ABOUT A BITE OF IT AND MOST OF IT WAS LEFT! THE SKIN AND THE MEAT AND THE BONES!!
SHE'S PRETTY VOLUP-TUOUS..

GET AWAY!!! YOU MONGREL !!!
WHOA, IT'S LIKE WE REWIND-ED!
I'LL LISTEN TO YOU AFTER I'M DONE DOING MY THING
OKAY LISTEN, IF YOU WANT TO FOLLOW ME COME QUIETLY
Thing? What thing?
Friendship
Scars
Doesn't she have Persian blood?
If I'm a Persian too,
PERSIAN?
LET'S GO. THIS PLACE IS NO GOOD
MY CAT IS A PUREBLOOD PERSIAN WITH A PEDIGREE!! WITH A PEDIGREE!!
YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY QUIET THE SHOUTING MUST HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH FOR YOU YOU WON'T MAKE IT AS A CAT IF YOU LET THAT GET YOU DOWN WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REST OF YOUR STORY?
Am I going to be like that?
YOU'LL BE AN EXTRAORDINARY BEAUTY WHEN YOU GROW UP


YOU KNOW THERE'S HOMES WHERE THEY'D BE TROUBLED IF SHE HAD KIDS
THAT'S NOT IT SHE'S BEEN FIXED LIKE THAT
IS SHE NOT AN ADULT YET?
THAT'S NO GOOD SHE WON'T GET IN THE MOOD
AH, YODEL CAT, THERE'S A GIRL OVER THERE
IF THEY CAN'T RAISE IT OR HAVE TO THROW IT AWAY, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S BETTER TO NOT GIVE BIRTH IN THE FIRST PLACE?
DID THE CATS DECIDE THAT?
NAH, IT WAS HUMANS
THERE ARE CATS LIVING HAPPILY EVEN IF THEY WERE THROWN AWAY!!
The differences in my images of a beautiful cat getting fixed, and pedigrees, looks like it's gonna get harder from now on.
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO HANG OUT WITH CRYBABIES. THIS IS REALITY
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT JUST RUN AWAY

IN THAT TREE
HEY!
LOOK
LEIJEEHO-
SO YOU MEAN THAT SHE'S THE CANDIDATE
THE APPEARANCE OF A NEW CANDIDATE
YES!! SHE RESPONDED, BABY-!
LEIJEEHO
HUH?

Oh no!!
A suitor had just beaten up his rival.
YOU STAY OUT OF THE WAY. IT LOOKS LIKE I HAVE TO BATTLE THIS GUY FIRST
Battle! You mean you're going to fight!?
RIGHT. IT'S A FIGHT
How about rock-paper-scissors? Can't you decide with that?
Umm, that cat on the ground is bleeding
CATS CAN'T DO ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS


HEY YOU!! ARE YOU OKAY WITH JUST WATCHING FROM THAT TREE? IF YOU JUST SAY WHICH ONE YOU LIKE CLEARLY THEN THIS CAN BE SETTLED WITHOUT ANYONE GETTING INJURED!
YODEL CAT!
RRMYARR!
LEAVE ME ALONE. I LIKE THEM STRONG. I WANT TO HAVE A STRONG CHILD!
YODEL CAT RIVAL CAT
WELL I GUESS THAT'S REASON ABLE
DON'T EITHER OF YOU START BLEEDING
SORRY
ACCORDING TO THE BOOKS, IN A FIGHT BETWEEN MALE CATS THEY LET OUT SHRILL SHRIEKS AND CLAW AT EACH OTHER. THEY RETREAT, THEN CLAW AT EACH OTHER AGAIN. THAT PROCESS IS REPEATED. VICTORY IS DECIDED WHEN ONE TAKES A FIGHTING STANCE BUT THE OTHER STAYS DOWN

BASICALLY, THEY LOSE TO PER-SISTENCE
THEN, I CHOOSE YOU
WHAT? RAPHAEL-SI?
HEY YOU!!
AH, HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
PLEASE, WHENEVER IS FINE, BUT CAN YOU GET RAPHAEL'S PAWPRINT?
YOU'RE RAPHAEL'S FAN TOO, AREN'T YOU? DON'T BE JEALOUS, THAT'S HIS LITTLE FAVORITE
MR. YODEL CAT AND MR. RIVAL CAT ARE BOTH COVERED IN BLO-BLO-BLOOD!!!
WHAT IS THAT CRYING KID TO YOU?

RIVAL CAT MUST OFF SOMEWHERE AND HE WAS BLEEDING
THERE IS NO OF WOUNDS WILL HEAL IF YOU HEAL THEM
GO WAIT OVER THERE
I THINK

I THINK I KIND OF GET IT NOW. WHAT THAT MEAN OLD MAN SAID ABOUT BECOMING AN ADULT...
I MIGHT AS WELL COUNT THE STARS
RAPHAEL, EVERYBODY KNOWS ABOUT YOU...

One, two, three stars

Three "three three stars"

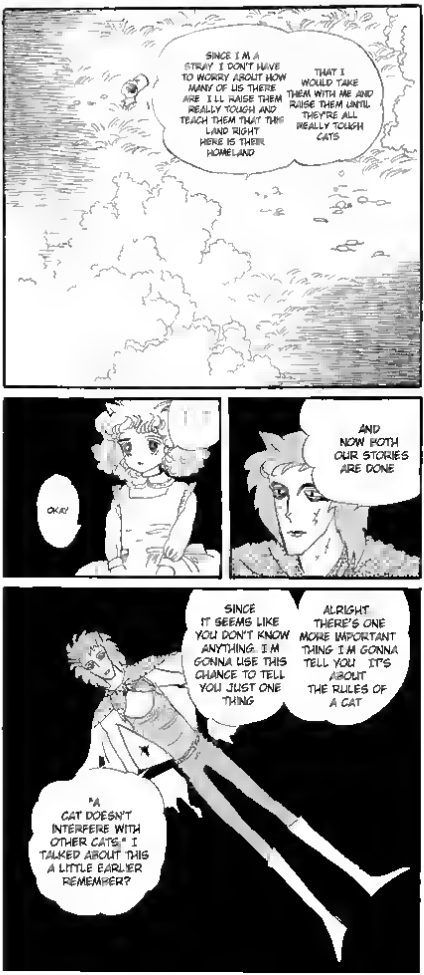
One, two, three stars ...

One, two, three stars

Three "three three stars"

One, two, three three stars

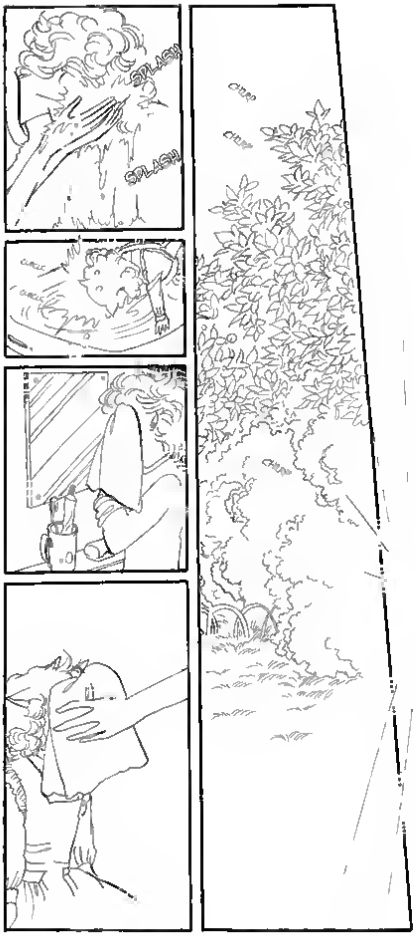
I THOUGHT I WOULD LISTEN TO YOUR STORY FIRST
WE'LL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE DOING SOME UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATED MATH RIGHT THERE
TOKIO DIDN'T FINISH HIS FISH BECAUSE OF A KISS. YOUR DAD WASN'T FEELING TOO GREAT AND LEFT ALL OF THE SKIN, MEAT AND BONES. AND THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY?
AUTOGRAPH
I THINK THE STORY'S DONE
I AM TOTALLY FINE. HOW'S THE REST OF YOUR STORY GO?
DOES IT HURT?
YEAH, STICK THAT ON, STICK IT ON
AND I CAN EAT THAT FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS. THAT GOES AT THE END
SINCE WE HAVE SOME EXTRA TIME NOW
WELL THEN, WILL YOU LISTEN TO MY STORY TOO?


SINCE I'M A STRAY I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HOW MANY OF US THERE ARE I'LL RAISE THEM REALLY TOUGH AND TEACH THEM THAT THIS LAND RIGHT HERE IS THEIR HOMELAND
THAT I WOULD TAKE THEM WITH ME AND RAISE THEM UNTIL THEY'RE ALL REALLY TOUGH CATS
OKAY
AND NOW BOTH OUR STORIES ARE DONE
SINCE IT SEEMS LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING I'M GONNA USE THIS CHANCE TO TELL YOU JUST ONE THING
ALRIGHT THERE'S ONE MORE IMPORTANT THING I'M GONNA TELL YOU! IT'S ABOUT THE RULES OF A CAT
"A CAT DOESN'T INTERFERE WITH OTHER CATS." I TALKED ABOUT THIS A LITTLE EARLIER REMEMBER?
AFTER SHE GIVES BIRTH TO OUR KIDS
I'M THINKING THAT BEFORE THEY'RE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER,
SEEING AS HOW SHE'S A DOMESTIC CAT,

IF YOU STARE AT THEM RIGHT IN THE FACE IT SHOWS AGGRESSION
AND IF YOU TRY TALKING TO THEM YOU MIGHT EVEN GET A PUNCH TO THE FACE SO BE CAREFUL
AND THAT'S WHY THE BEST MANNERS WHEN YOU SEE A FELLOW CAT IS TO AVERT YOUR EYES AND PASS BY
YOU HAVE TO ALWAYS BE AWARE OF YOUR HUNTING AREA BY WALKING AROUND AND USING YOUR IMAGINATION TO FIGURE OUT WHAT LIES BEYOND THE LOCATION OF WATERING HOLES AND IT VERY ARE IMPORTANT TO KNOW FOR WHEN YOU GO ON YOUR MATING SEASON EXPEDITION YOU CANNOT GET LOST FOR ANY REASON
AND HOW FOR HUNTING AREAS IT'S BASICALLY YOUR TERRITORY WHICH IS SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS IN DIAMETER FROM YOUR HOUSE THIS AREA HERE IS SHARED WITH THE OTHER CATS
THE NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON IS WHEN THE GATHERINGS IN THIS AREA ARE HELD
I'LL EXPLAIN ABOUT SILVER VINE SOME OTHER DAY
IF THERE'S SILVER VINE* IT'LL TURN INTO A PARTY ALMOST IMMEDIATELY
*TN: NOT ALSO KNOWN AS CAT POWDER IT IS A PLANT THAT GROWS IN CHINA AND JAPAN WHICH HAS A SCENT THAT ELICITS A EUPHORIC RESPONSE FROM CATS IT'S KINDA LIKE A CAT DRUG XD
THE PLACE IS UNDER THE TREE STRAIGHT DOWN THIS ROAD GATHERINGS DON'T USUALLY TURN INTO PARTIES THEY'RE MEANT TO BE PLACES WHERE THE DOMESTIC CATS AND THE STRAYS EACH PRAY FOR THE OTHER'S GOOD HEALTH WHILE STILL LEAVING SOME SPACE BETWEEN THEM

NOW THAT WE'RE ALL THE WAY HERE YOU CAN PROBABLY MAKE IT HOME ON YOUR OWN YOU SHOULD COME TO THE GATHERINGS TOO SOMEDAY...
HEARING TOO MUCH AT ONE TIME CAN BE CONFUSING WHEN YOU'RE SMALL
Thank you very much
for your kindness
The self-loathing I felt from the differences between my story and that net's didn't disappear
...I tried using the English that Tokio taught me but

In an ultramarine sky, the yodels are echoing


SPLASH!
SPLASH!
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP

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I WORK OUT
FATHER.
OH MY, YOU DON'T HAVE AN APPETITE THIS MORNING EITHER. SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG
I'M JUST GONNA SAY IT MOTHER, TOKIO FORGIVE ME
ON THAT DAY IF THE CAT DIDN'T TAKE ANY HUMAN-LIKE ACTIONS YOU, YOU PROMISED TO GIVE UP THIS HOUSE?
MOTHER, TOKIO FORGIVE ME.
YOU EVEN WROTE A CONTRACT?

TOKIO! TELL ME!
THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM
I'M WORRIED ABOUT
TOKIO, WAIT A SECOND!
YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH OF AN APPETITE EITHER
WHAT KIND OF BET DID YOU LOSE? WHAT WAS ON THE LINE?
IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LIVE IN A HOTEL FOR A WHILE I WORRIED ABOUT WHAT TO DO WITH THE CAT
WHAT IS IT?
I MEAN THAT MAN (MR. HARD-BOILED) ISN'T HIS WAY OF PORTRAYING MURDER BY ANGRY PEOPLE SCARY? I THINK HE'S PROBABLY PREDISPOSED TO THAT AS WELL
WHAT WOULD I DO IF YOU HAD BOTH BET OFF THIS HOUSE?
I'M SO RELIEVED
WHEW!

8:00

If we lose the house, I'll provide food for us, Father

Sorry. I didn't know about that. That's why I...

She might've been subtly hinting at that when she said that kissing is a daily occurrence yesterday

I guess she must've really had a boyfriend already

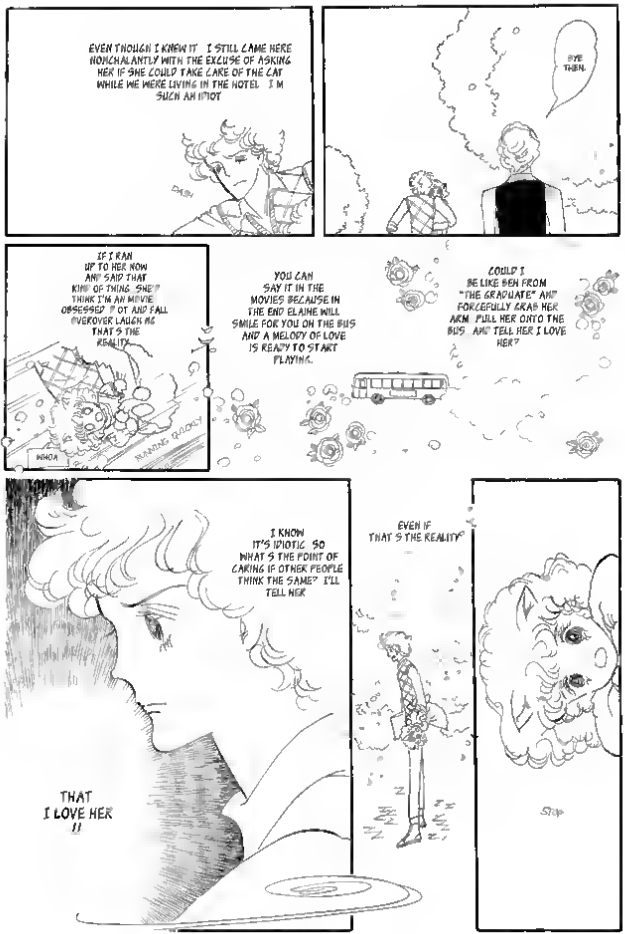
8:05

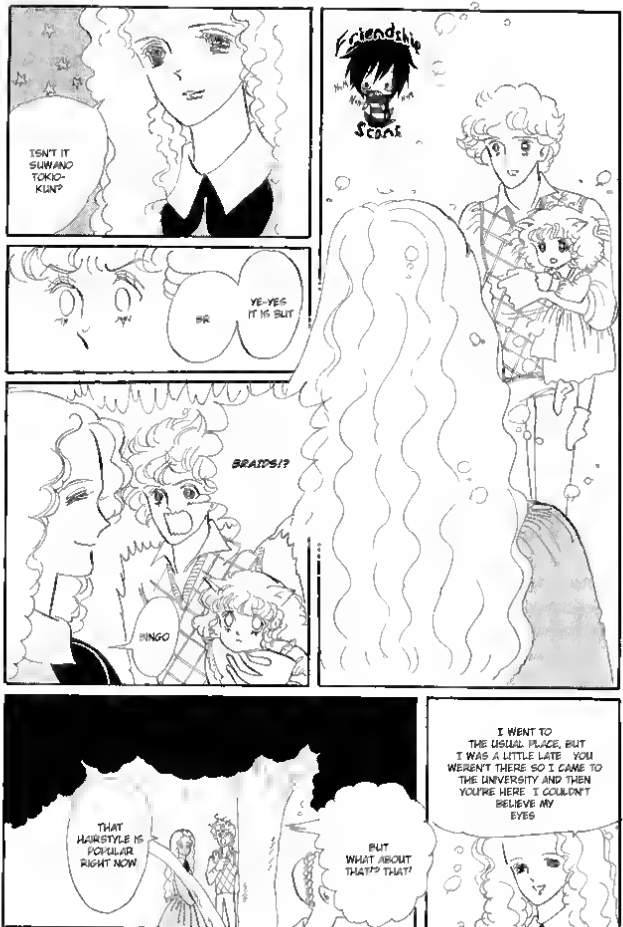
I wonder what happened. Braids isn't coming.

Tokio can't hear Braids's yodel.

CLANNG
Wow what a large building! Wow what do you do in this place!?
People are walking around with a lot of books.
Wow!
WHERE IS THE LAW DEPARTMENT?
Huh? Braid!?
Ah, Braid!
Law Department!? Ah, I get it.
This is the wrong! I didn't get to it.

AH YOU WERE IN MY CLASS WHEN WE WERE SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW IT I STILL CAME HERE NONCHALANTLY WITH THE EXCUSE OF ASKING HER IF SHE COULD TAKE CARE OF THE CAT WHILE WE WERE LIVING IN THE HOTEL
HEY SUWANO YOU MUST BE SUWANO
PAT
I HEARD YOU CAUGHT A GOLD ON EXAM DAY THAT'S TOUGH LUCK MAN
YOU'VE CHANGED I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU FOR A SECOND THERE
NO... UMM, WELL SEE YA.
BUT BESIDES THAT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? YOU CAN'T BE TRYING TO GET USED TO THE PLACE FOR EXAM DAY COULD YOU?
YEAH
WELL NEXT YEAR'S EXAMS ARE COMING SOON, DO YOUR BEST
I GUESS SO


EVEN THOUGH I KNEW IT I STILL CAME HERE NONCHALANTLY WITH THE EXCUSE OF ASKING HER IF SHE COULD TAKE CARE OF THE CAT WHILE WE WERE LIVING IN THE HOTEL I'M SUCH AN IDIOT
BYE THEN.
IF I RAN UP TO HER NOW AND SAID THAT KIND OF THING, SHE'D THINK I'M AN MOVIE OBSESSED P OT AND FALL OVER LAUGH AS THAT'S THE REALITY
WHOA
RUNNING GLOOMY
YOU CAN SAY IT IN THE MOVIES BECAUSE IN THE END ELAINE WILL SMILE FOR YOU ON THE BUS AND A MELODY OF LOVE IS READY TO START PLAYING.
COULD I BE LIKE BEN FROM "THE GRADUATE" AND FORCEFULLY GRAB HER ARM, PULL HER ONTO THE BUS AND TELL HER I LOVE HER?
I KNOW IT'S IDIOTIC SO WHAT'S THE POINT OF CARING IF OTHER PEOPLE THINK THE SAME? I'LL TELL HER
THAT I LOVE HER !!
EVEN IF THAT'S THE REALITY
STOP

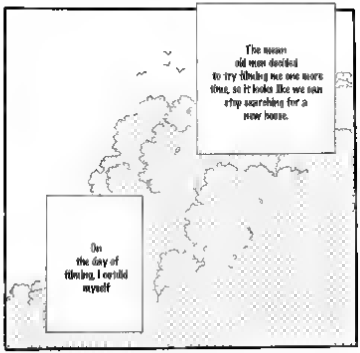

ISN'T IT SUWANO TOKIO-KUN?
Friendship Scout
AH!
EH
YE-YES IT IS, BUT
BRAIDS!?
PINGO
I WENT TO THE USUAL PLACE, BUT I WAS A LITTLE LATE YOU WEREN'T THERE SO I CAME TO THE UNIVERSITY AND THEN YOU'RE HERE I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EYES
BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT? THAT?
THAT HAIRSTYLE IS POPULAR RIGHT NOW

SEE WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR APPEARANCE, YOU FEEL LIKE YOU CAN EVEN ESCAPE FROM CLUMSINESS.
I DID A LITTLE TRANSFORMATION SINCE I FELT LIKE CRYING AT MY CLUMSINESS YESTERDAY
I ENDED UP WORRYING ABOUT ALL KINDS OF THINGS I REALLY FEEL SO DUMB.
WHEN AN ANSWER CAME BACK AFTER I ASKED ABOUT YOUR DAILY KISSES WITH THE LITTLE CAT
LET'S SHAKE HANDS!
THAT'S WHY I'M TRULY GLAD THAT YOU CAME HERE.

Friendship Scans

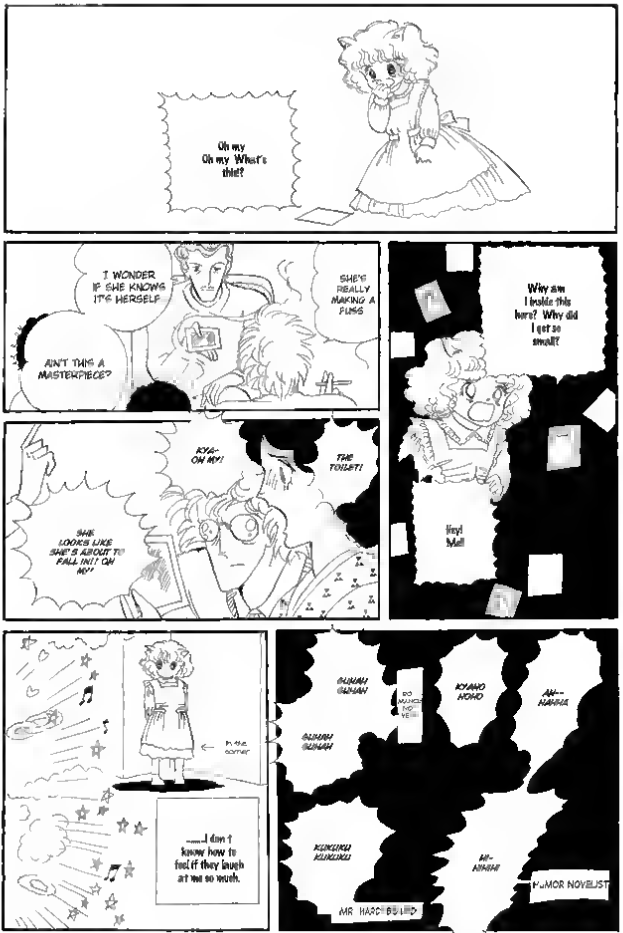
And so Tokio and Braids's roundabout first love declaration was safely completed.

I guess people's love won't go as plain and simple as the cats' do.


The mean old man decided to try filming me one more time, so it looks like we can stop searching for a new house.
On the day of filming, I carried myself

I get the feeling that it'll be a while yet before Tokio and her can make a shift.

Bathroom
SNAP
Bathing
SNAP
Reading
Washing Face
SNAP
SNAP
THERE'S NO BLUR AT ALL!
WOW THESE ARE VERY WELL TAKEN
THAT GESTURE IS TOTALLY UNNECESSARY
MY THESE ARE ALL WONDERFUL
UNLIKE SOMEONE WE KNOW
WELL, IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE SKILLED
SAHAHA
CHI!! YOU WANT TO SEE TOO?


Oh my
Oh my What's this?
I WONDER IF SHE KNOWS IT'S HERSELF
SHE'S REALLY MAKING A FILM'S
AIN'T THIS A MASTERPIECE?
Why am I inside this here? Why did I get so small?
Hey! Wait
KYA- OH MY!
THE TOILET!
SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ABOUT TO FALL IN!! OH MY!
← In the corner
.....I don't know how to feel if they laugh at me so much.
GUHAH GUHAH
SO MUCH NO YES!
KYAHO HOHO
AH- HAHAH
GUHAH GUHAH
KUKUKU KUKUKU
HI- HIHIH!
MR HARDBOILED
HUMOR NOVELIST

IT'S SAID THAT IT'S THE ORIGIN OF PERSIAN CATS.

Persia?

AH THAT'S PERSIA

OH THIS IS A LANDSCAPE PICTURE

WOW LOOK THE ORNAMENTS

MASJED-E SHAH

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK, THIS PALACE IS ONE OF THE REMAINS OF THE PERSIAN EMPIRE

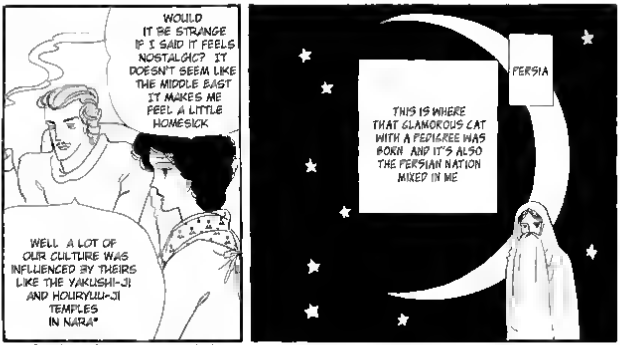
BUT I GUESS A FEW SHOTS I TOOK WHEN I WENT ON A TRIP TO IRAN AND IRAQ LAST MONTH MUST HAVE BEEN LEFT ON THIS FILM ROLL.

THE WANDERERS AND SLAVES AND NOBLES AND HARLOTS AND BANDITS THEY ALL LIVED SEEING THIS SUNSET

HAVE A LOOK THIS IS A DESERT SUNSET

THE MERCHANTS OF THE SILK ROAD MUST HAVE SLEPT HERE TRYING TO AVOID THE SUN AND SAND CLOUDS

THIS IS A CARAVANSERAI


WOULD IT BE STRANGE IF I SAID IT FEELS NOSTALGIC? IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE MIDDLE EAST IT MAKES ME FEEL A LITTLE HOMESICK
WELL A LOT OF OUR CULTURE WAS INFLUENCED BY THEIRS LIKE THE YAKUSHI-JI AND HOURYUU-JI TEMPLES IN NARA*
PERSIA
THIS IS WHERE THAT GLAMOROUS CAT WITH A PEDIGREE WAS BORN AND IT'S ALSO THE PERSIAN NATION MIXED IN ME

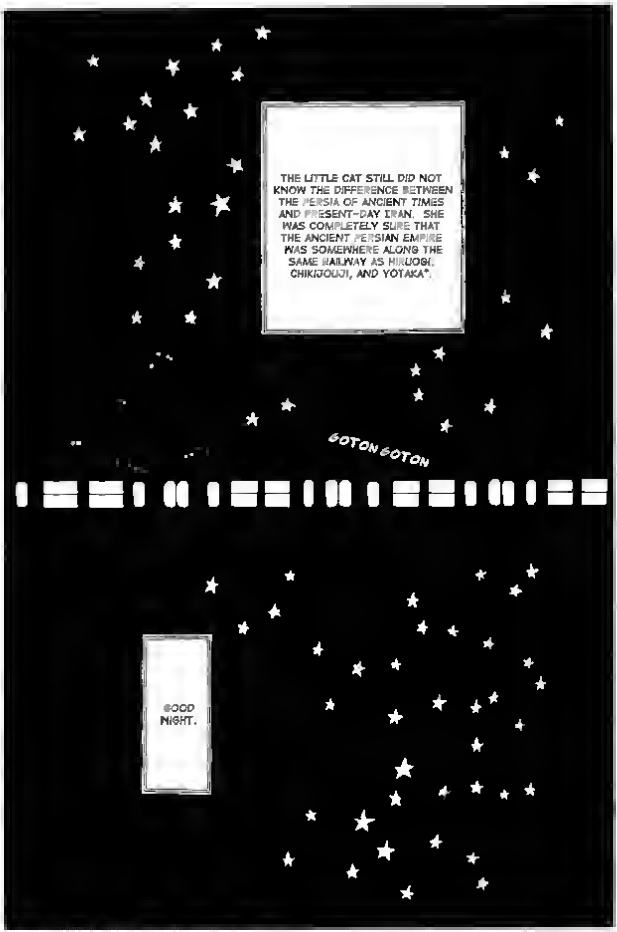
*TLNOTE: BOTH ARE VERY FAMOUS WORLD-HERITAGE TEMPLES IN NARA, A PREFECTURE IN JAPAN MOST FAMOUS FOR ITS OLD TEMPLES

IT WAS A PICTURE OF A GRAND AND DESOLATE SCENERY

AND FOR SOME REASON, THE CURTAIN-LIKE CLOTHES OF THE NATIVE CAPTURED STANDING THERE ON THE FILM MADE ME THINK OF RAPHAEL

Raphael.

On the night of the full moon, try joining the gathering. There must be a lot of different kinds of oats there.
Figure out the surrounding areas using my imagination.
Go straight down here.
Ah, that's right!
Behind the building is an empty lot
At the end, there's a large building.
Friendship Scene
Right, I'm gonna go to Persia.
I wonder why I never thought of something so simple before.
It's a little far but tomorrow I'm gonna try going to Persia.


THE LITTLE CAT STILL DID NOT KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PERSIA OF ANCIENT TIMES AND PRESENT-DAY IRAN. SHE WAS COMPLETELY SURE THAT THE ANCIENT PERSIAN EMPIRE WAS SOMEWHERE ALONG THE SAME RAILWAY AS HIKIJOSHI, CHIKIJOUJI, AND YOTAKA".
GOTON GOTON
GOOD NIGHT.

1. HOTEL S... RAILWAY IN TOKYO BY... RESPECTIVELY IN JAPANESE HIKIJOSHI=NIGHT SCHOOL STUDENT; CHIKIJOUJI=CHILD; AND YOTAKA WHICH WAS MENTIONED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CHAPTER IS MITAKA.

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